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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Environment - Fast-Fill Compressed Natural Gas Station Program**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a certain program in the Maryland Energy
4 Administration to provide certain grants to certain local jurisdictions for the
5 construction of fast-fill compressed natural gas stations; requiring the
6 Maryland Energy Administration to administer the Program, establish certain
7 procedures, and award certain grants; establishing the eligibility criteria for the
8 Program; requiring that a local jurisdiction may only use a grant to fund a
9 certain percentage of a certain project; defining certain terms; providing for the
10 termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Fast-Fill Compressed
11 Natural Gas Station Program.

12 BY adding to
13 Article - State Government
14 Section 9-2006
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
18 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article - State Government**

20 9-2006.

21 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
22 INDICATED.

23 (2) "FAST-FILL CNG STATION" MEANS A COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS
24 FUELING FACILITY THAT REFUELS COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS-POWERED
25 VEHICLES AT APPROXIMATELY THE SAME SPEED AS GASOLINE STATIONS REFUEL
26 GASOLINE-POWERED VEHICLES.

27 (3) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE FAST-FILL COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS
28 STATION PROGRAM.

1 (B) THERE IS A FAST-FILL COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS STATION PROGRAM IN
2 THE ADMINISTRATION.

3 (C) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO LOCAL
4 JURISDICTIONS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF FAST-FILL CNG STATIONS.

5 (D) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL:

6 (1) ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM;

7 (2) AWARD GRANTS FROM THE PROGRAM; AND

8 (3) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2003, DETERMINE THE INFORMATION
9 A LOCAL JURISDICTION MUST PROVIDE WHEN APPLYING FOR A GRANT FROM THE
10 PROGRAM AND ESTABLISH APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR THE PROGRAM.

11 (E) TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A GRANT UNDER THE PROGRAM, A LOCAL
12 JURISDICTION SHALL:

13 (1) SUBMIT AN APPLICATION ON OR AFTER NOVEMBER 1, 2003, TO THE
14 ADMINISTRATION; AND

15 (2) DEMONSTRATE THE ABILITY TO PROVIDE 25% OF THE COST OF THE
16 CONSTRUCTION OF A FAST-FILL CNG STATION FROM LOCAL FUNDS.

17 (F) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL AWARD GRANTS TO THE FIRST FIVE LOCAL
18 JURISDICTIONS WHO:

19 (1) ARE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE GRANTS FROM THE PROGRAM; AND

20 (2) SUBMIT AN APPLICATION THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS
21 ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION.

22 (G) A LOCAL JURISDICTION MAY ONLY USE A GRANT RECEIVED UNDER THIS
23 PROGRAM TO FUND 75% OF THE COST OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FAST-FILL CNG
24 STATION.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
26 July 1, 2003. It shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and, at the end of June
27 30, 2008, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
28 abrogated and of no further force and effect.